



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Wednesday, December 11, 2018                      1:03 p.m.                      Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Hughes.

Members present: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard, Dianda, Clemente.  
Members absent: None.

Representative Sheppard moved to adopt the minutes of November 28, 2018. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Hughes laid the following bill before the committee:

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| SB 1035 (MacGregor) | Property tax; exemptions; real property of a sportsmen club that dedicates its facilities for charitable purposes for a certain period of time each tax year; exempt. |
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Leah Maher, from Senator MacGregor's office, testified in support of the bill.

Mike Roche and Gordon Pickerd, representing the Rockford Sportsmen's Club, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to the bill.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Dan Eichinger and Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the bill.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Pine River Sportsman's Club.  
Perch Point Conservation Club.  
Southeastern Michigan Conservation Club.  
Brad Jackson, representing the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.  
Richmond Sportsmen's Club.  
Mark Hergenreder, representing the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club.  
Detroit Archers.

Wallace Matthew, representing the Huron Valley Conservation Association.  
Dan McMaster, representing the Shiawassee Conservation Association.  
Brenda Mortimer, representing the Edwardsburg Conversation Club.  
Chris Kettler, representing the South Kent Sportsmen's Club.  
Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival.  
Jim Blackall, representing the Sparta Hunting and Fishing Club.  
Bill Krepps, representing the Ravenna Conservation Clubs.  
Jane Finnerty, representing the Cadillac Sportsmen's Club.  
Missaukee Conservation Club.  
Traverse City Area Steelheaders.  
George Lindquist, representing the U.P. Whitetails of Marquette County.  
Big Bay Sportsmen's Club.  
Tony Demboski, representing the U.P. Sportsmen's Alliance.  
Pattie Biegalski, representing the Western Wayne County Conservation Association.  
Kevin Green, representing Algoma Township.  
Pat Weeks, representing the Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club.  
Bill Cobb and Jerry Peterson, representing the Great Lakes Sports and Recreation Club.  
Patrick Hogan, representing the Tomahawk Archers.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.  
Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne RESA.  
Jerry Johnson, representing the Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Jackson, Lenawee and Monroe ISD's.  
Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators.  
Lisa Hansknecht, representing the Oakland Schools.  
Dirk Weeldreyer, representing the School Equity Caucus.  
Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.  
Meghann Keit, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.  
Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Representative VanderWall moved to report out SB 1035 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 3-1-1.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hughes, VanderWall, Sheppard.  
Nays: Rep. Clemente.  
Pass: Rep. Dianda.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:33 p.m.

**Representative Holly Hughes, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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